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To the core

After a freeze and a drought, area orchards are offering shipped-in fruit

ALEX BOOZE
Herald reporter

Apples don't fall far from the tree. For some orchards in Bowling Green this year, they didn't fall at all. A large amount of crops in orchards and nurseries in the area were destroyed because of an April freeze. The loss has caused many orchards to lose business, and in one case, not open at all. Jackson's Orchard, one of those affected by the freeze, is shipping in fruit and offering various activities to attract visitors and make their trips to the orchard pleasant despite the produce lost. Among the activities are the upcoming Pumpkin Festival. The festival runs every weekend from Sept. 29 until Oct. 28. There's no tree fruit to hand-pick, but there will be pumpkin picking, sand art, face painting and a petting zoo. Annette Madison, a clerk at Jackson's Orchard, said apples and peaches are normally among the top-sellers for the orchard, but the freeze ruined all the crops. Joanna Coles, an agent for the Warren County agricultural extension office,

said most Kentucky orchards' crops were devastated by the freeze. Fruit losses were nearly total at Jackson's Orchard and at the county's three other orchards. "People will still be coming to Jackson's Orchard—our largest orchard—because it's a tradition," Coles said. Total losses from tourism and sales are difficult to estimate, but will likely be substantial, Coles said. Now the drought threatens fruit trees. Rainfall in the last week offered little help, Coles said. "The number one help it's been has been for spirits," she said. Despite the loss, the crew members at Jackson's Orchard still love their jobs and look forward to providing plenty of activities for the public to enjoy, said Orchard Manager Cathy Otis. Otis said her job is satisfying and enjoyable. "I love my job because it's nice to be outside to experience all of the seasons," she said. "I love watching all the different crops that we have to offer grow."

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(Above) **Richardsville resident Annette Madison waits for patrons** in front of Jackson's Orchard's store. "Everyone heard about the freeze," Madison said. "People are just now learning that we have gotten fruit in."

(Left) **The Jacksons' cat sits in front of the store** at Jackson's Orchard.

Students cross cultures to improve English skills

CHRISTINA ALLEN
Herald reporter

Each week, students walk the walk to the top of Pearce-Ford Tower, to talk the talk. International and American students gather at 4:30 p.m. every week on the top floor of PFT for Talk on Tuesday, a conversation club geared to help international students practice speaking English. Talk on Tuesdays gives students informal English practice without the pressure of grades, said Gail Sullivan, volunteer and retired high

school teacher. The initiative is part of Western's effort to make sure international students don't smack into the language barrier when they get to the classroom. Sullivan said classroom experience is invaluable, but students get more opportunities to practice in informal settings. The session lasts an hour and usually begins with an ice-breaker game, such as Bingo. Students then break into smaller groups, with one or two native English

SEE **CULTURES**, PAGE 7A

Congress to give students financial aid

Bill to go to president for signing

SUSIE LAUN
Herald reporter

Students who receive federal loans could be looking at more funding and lower interest rates, despite opposing votes from Kentucky's senators.

Congress passed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act on Friday.

The bill will now go to President Bush to be signed into law.

Bush is expected to sign the bill, said Luke Swarthout, a higher education advocate for U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

If signed into law, the bill will significantly increase funding for Pell grants and lower interest rates on Stafford loans over the next four years.

There's also a provision that will allow borrowers to repay federal loans based on their salary after college, Swarthout said.

"Higher education has never been more important for young people," he said.

SEE **CONGRESS**, PAGE 7A

Elizabethtown campus gets land donation for expansion

20-acre gift valued at \$1.3 million

SUSIE LAUN
Herald reporter

Construction isn't restricted to the main campus.

The Elizabethtown campus will also see expansion in response to expected population growth in the area.

The North Central Education Foundation donated 20 acres of land to Western in May for the expansion of its Elizabethtown campus.

The land will be used to build a \$39 million facility near the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College.

The project is a part of Western's six-year capital plan, said Doug Ault, director of Planning, Design and Construction.

The foundation donated the land to Western so the university can increase its bachelor and graduate degree programs in the area, said Ronald Stephens, associate dean of Western's Elizabethtown campus.

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ARMANDO SANCHEZ/HERALD

Alex Chen and Ryan Wang of China play bingo with the ESLI club in Pearce-Ford Tower on Tuesday afternoon. The ESLI club meets every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. to give ESLI majors an opportunity to speak English with each other.

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CRIME REPORTS

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◆Stephanie Elks, Meredith Hall, reported on Sept. 7 her rear window smashed and four tires slashed on her 2002 Pontiac Sunfire parked in the Normal lot. The value of the damage was \$520.

◆Derrick Elder, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported on Sept. 9 his backpack containing a laptop, National City Visa Bucks card, two textbooks and prescription medicine stolen from Fresh Foods in Downing University Center. The value of the theft was \$1,461.26.

◆Laura Espinoza-Reyes, 1740 Plum Springs Road, reported on Sept. 11 her Samsung cellular phone stolen when she was at class at the community college, Room 304. The value of the theft was \$150.

ARRESTS

◆David A. Scanzillo, 1404 Indianola Street, was arrested on Sept. 7 and charged with criminal mischief. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail on Sept. 8 on a \$1,000 cash bond.

◆Thomas G. Settles II, Bardstown, was arrested on Sept. 8 and charged with driving under the influence first offense. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$750 unsecured bond.

◆David J. Day, Englewood, Ohio, was arrested on Sept. 8 and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on time served.

◆Geoffrey L. Zedailis, St. Louis, was arrested on Sept. 9 and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on time served.

◆Torres G. Waldemar, 6550 Louisville Road, was arrested on Sept. 9 and charged with driving under the influence first offense, reckless driving and not having an driver’s license. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$750 unsecured bond.

◆Arlene B. Winslow, 2524 Stonebridge Lane, was arrested on Sept. 10 and charged with operating on a suspended driver’s license. She was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$250 cash bond.

◆Jacob E. Skees, 1985 ADA Way, was arrested on Sept. 10 and charged with alcohol intoxication second offense. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on time served.

◆James T. Perkins, Santa Anna, Calif., was arrested on Sept. 11 and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place. He was released from Warren County jail on Sept. 12 on time served.

◆Geoffrey L. Zedailis, St. Louis, was arrested on Sept. 11 and charged with possession of marijuana. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on court order.

◆Jorge Villaneva, Lousville, was arrested on Sept. 11 and charged with not having an driver’s license. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on court order.

CORRECTIONS

Due to Herald error, the dates of the Festival of Heroes concert and the Scuba Diving event were misidentified in the calendar of the Sept. 11, 2007 issue. The Festival of Heroes concert is Sept. 13 and 14. The Scuba Diving event is Sept. 16. The Herald regrets these errors. For corrected calendar refer to “What’s Going On” directly to the right of this correction.

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CODY DUTY



“I never had an education,” Milard Martin said. “I had to get up early and milk the cows, and then take the milk to the spring house. After that, I had to run two miles to school, and by the time I got there, I had already missed the reading and history.”

Born in 1934, Milard did not finish the eighth grade. After driving trucks for a few years, a friend of his decided to look at buying a septic truck. Milard decided to partner with him. Little did he know, he would be doing it 60 years later.

“I just thought, ‘why sure, I’ll go with him,’” he said. “Then, he sold me a truck and I went from there.”

After buying a septic truck, life presented Milard with another proposal — a life as a minister.

“I call it my conscience, but really it’s the Holy Spirit,” Milard said. “I felt it calling me into the ministry.”

After missing reading class in school, Milard thought it would be hard to learn to read.

“It just came to me,” Milard said. “Through the Bible, I learned to read.”

He now preaches at Barren River Ministries Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

If that wasn’t enough to keep him occupied, Milard started the first Barren River Volunteer Fire Department in 1972.

“I thought we needed one, especially out here (in between Bowling Green and Morgantown),” Milard said. “So I went from door to door asking for donations.”

The fire department is for the community and assists the Bowling Green Fire Department.

Milard is 73 years old and doesn’t plan to stop any time soon.

“I’m gonna continue working and preaching God’s word,” Milard said. “I do it because I like helping people.”

Reach Cody Duty at photo@chherald.com

Request your event to be posted at calendar@chherald.com.

WHAT'S going on

SEPTEMBER 13-22

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ACADEMICS	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Last day to receive 50% refund for full semester course.	Presentation: “Addressing the Obesity Epidemic,” 4 p.m., MMTH auditorium			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

ARTS	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Concert: Paris Airshow Disaster, noon, Java City.		-Festival of Heroes: 5 p.m., Diddle Arena	-Don Freund, guest composer /pianst, 11:30 a.m., FAC recital hall Festival of Heroes: 5 p.m., Diddle Arena	-Cage the Elephant w/ Decade of Experts & Assassins @ Bread & Bagel, 7 p.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
-FAC recital hall: Guitarist Andrew Winner, 3 p.m. Saxophonist Stacy Wilson, 7:30 p.m.	Guest saxophonist Stacy Wilson, 7:30 p.m. FAC room 315 (masterclass)				-The Secret w/ Decade of Experts & Assassins @ Bread & Bagel, 7 p.m.	

CAMPUS EVENTS	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Campus Scouts Organizational Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Tate Page Hall Room 420	Kappa Alpha Psi Beach Dig Klassic volleyball tournament, Preston Miller Park	Presentation: “Floral Design in Kentucky & Abroad” w/ Roger Dennis, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble	-President’s opening convocation, 8 a.m., Van Meter -WKU Gala, 6 p.m., Van Meter and Garrett Center	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
-Comedian Tissa Hami: 4:30 p.m., Grise Hall auditorium -Scuba Diving, 7 a.m., Pennyroyal Scuba						

ATHLETICS	10	11	12	13	14	15
					-Women’s Soccer vs. Wofford, 2 p.m., -Men’s Soccer vs. Centenary, 7 p.m. soccer complex	Football vs. Eastern Kentucky, 2 p.m., L.T. Smith Stadium
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Men’s Soccer vs. Belmont 2 p.m., soccer complex						

BOWLING GREEN



CODY DUTY/HERALD

Cruising down Chestnut Street, Atlanta junior Kyle Johnson rides his bike to his advertising class in Mass Media and Technology Hall from 14th Street. "I ride my bike to school because it saves on gas, and it's nice to have a bike," Johnson said. "It's better than walking too, that's for sure."

Cycling club pushes for bike friendly city status

CHRISTINA HOWERTON
Herald reporter

The Bowling Green League of Bicyclists hopes to get students and residents to hop on their bikes again.

"A lot of people had that pleasure as a child and parked it after age 16," said Helen Siewers, coordinator of the Greenway Commission, which works with the club.

"They don't think of it as a mode of transportation."

The bike club has initiated plans to get the city recognized nationally as a bicycle friendly community, said Sara Shipley Hiles, leader of the campaign.

She said making the city and campus bicycle friendly is important because cycling will improve public health and cut down on traffic and parking congestion.

Interested cities must plan engineering, encouragement, education, enforcement and evaluation initiatives to promote biking to be recognized, Hiles said.

Then the club will submit the city to the American League of Bicyclists.

Bike club members don't know when they'll apply, Hiles said. They're exploring how to enhance each aspect in the city.

The club is planning educational programs about biking, encouraging police to enforce bike laws and evaluating a previous bicycle plan for the city from the 1970s.

They award each city with a designation of platinum, gold, silver or bronze, according to bikeleague.org. Louisville, the only Kentucky city to be named bicycle friendly, is a bronze-level community.

Parking Services and the Greenway Commission are working with the bike club.

A network of bike paths and

60 new campus bike racks this semester are part of the plan, said Jennifer Tougas, director of parking services.

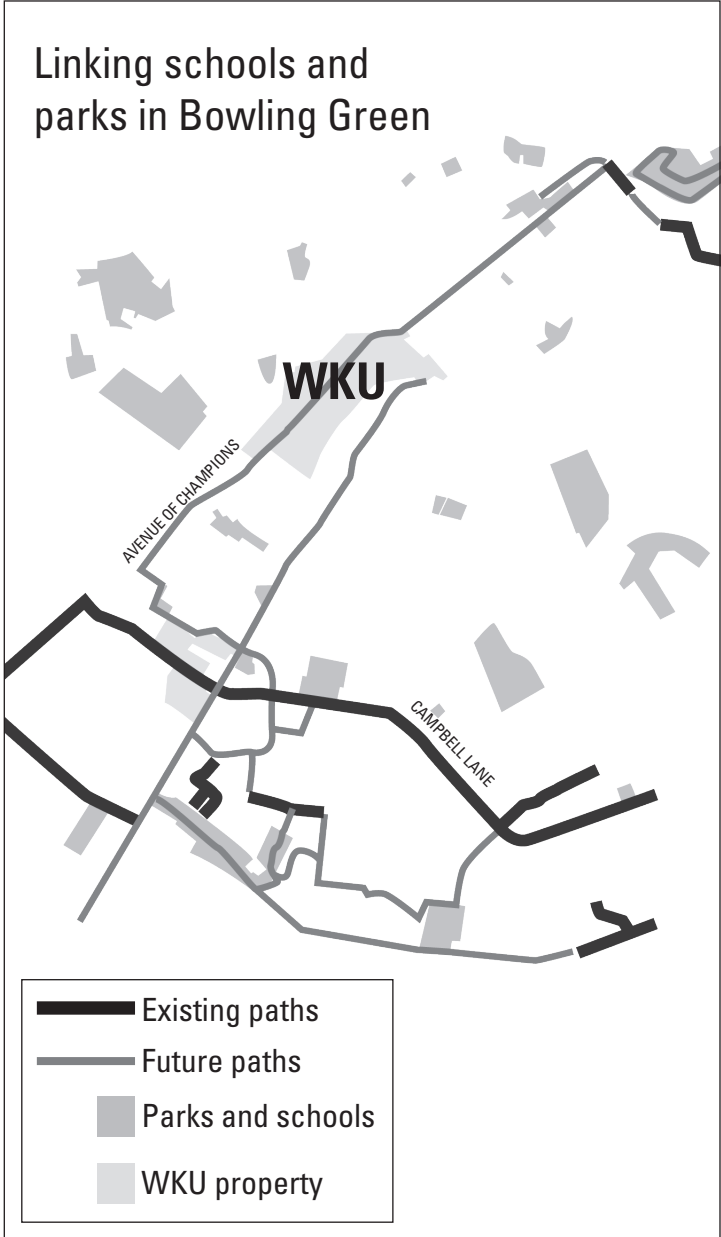
The paths will connect to existing paths in Bowling Green. One path will link main campus and south campus. The second will go through downtown and the third will be along

Cave Mill Road.

The paths will cost about \$1.2 million together.

The \$460,000 path between main and south campus cost will be funded in part by a \$368,000 grant from the state.

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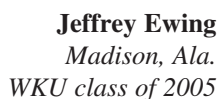
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UNCOOL,
MAN!

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"RAIN OFF."

CAMPUS LIFE

Girls Gone Wild makes third stop in Bowling Green

CHRIS BYRNE
Herald reporter

The Girls Gone Wild crew is coming back to Bowling Green today for the third time in as many years.

Girls Gone Wild will be on campus all day before ending the day at Good Tymes II, said Jeff Lobbe, general manager of Good Tymes and several other night clubs and restaurants in Bowling Green.

The doors at Good Tymes II will be open from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Lobbe said Girls Gone Wild officials contacted him

when they decided to come to Bowling Green.

“They knew that Good Tymes was an established market leader,” Lobbe said.

Girls Gone Wild officials couldn’t be reached for comment.

Lobbe said he expects a huge turnout.

“Ultimately, I hope their arrival will help business in the long term,” said Lobbe.

“It’s a great kickoff for college night.”

Bowling Green Police

don’t plan to take any action against Girls Gone Wild unless they receive complaints, said Barry Pruitt, public information officer for the Bowling Green police.

“We wouldn’t treat them any differently than anything else,” he said.

Herald Reporter Christina Allen contributed to this story.

Reach the reporters at news@chherald.com.

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► WHAT: Girls Gone Wild in Bowling Green

► WHERE: Good Tymes II

► WHEN: Doors will be open from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m.

► NEWS BRIEFS

ACT hearing postponed

The public hearing about a change in ACT standards for credit-bearing courses has been tentatively postponed until Oct. 9.

A hearing regarding the change was originally scheduled for Sept. 11.

The hearing was postponed by the Legislative Review Commission because members couldn’t thoroughly study the proposal before the Sept. 11 meeting, said Sherri Noxel, CPE director of academic assessments.

The exact date for the new hearing isn’t scheduled, but Noxel said she expects to hear something in the next couple of days.

If approved, the proposal would require students to get a 19 on the math section of and a 21 on the reading to be guaranteed placement in credit courses.

Students applying to state universities in Kentucky are currently required to score an 18 on the math and reading sections.

The change would take effect in fall 2009.

Raising the college readiness standard won’t automatically place students into remedial courses. Affected students might have to take additional placement tests or receive special attention.

The change won’t affect admission standards.

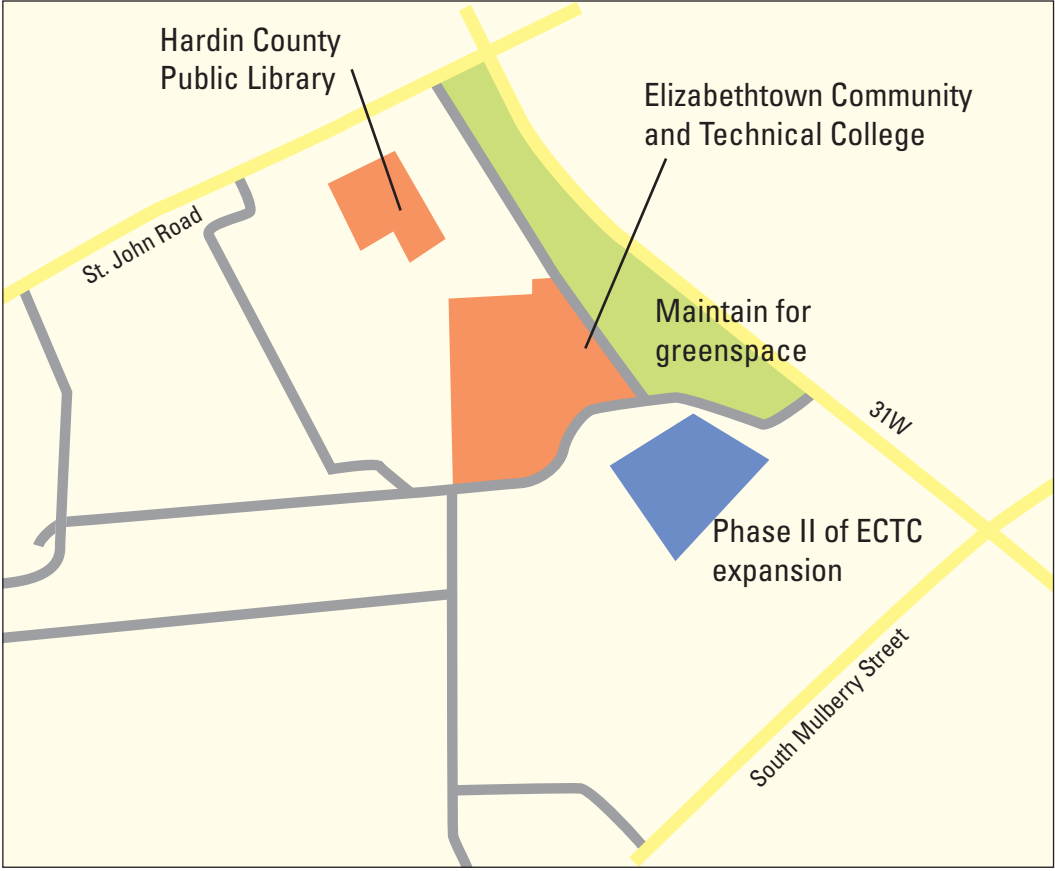
Plus/minus grading put back on agenda

University Senate officially put plus/minus grading on the agenda for its next meeting, said Skylar Jordan, Student Government Association chief of staff.

Provost Barbara Burch decided to reject the proposal last semester, but left the opportunity for University Senate to make changes and present the policy again.

University Senate Chair Julie Shadoan mentioned the possibility of revisiting the plus/minus policy earlier this year.

— Susie Laun



JAN DIEHM/HERALD

LAND

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The land is tentatively appraised at \$1.3 million, said Tom Hiles, vice president for institutional advancement.

“We’re very pleased with it – it’s a wonderful gift,” Hiles said.

There aren’t yet any plans for what the facility will be used for or a timeline for when plans should be set, Stephens said.

President Gary Ransdell said the facility is a priority for Western, and the land gift is helpful because the university doesn’t have to pay for the cost of the land.

“It’s a huge gift that gives us increased capacity and strengthens our partnership with ECTC,” he said.

Western will ask for state money for the facility that will help grow the baccalaureate and masters programs in Elizabethtown, Ransdell said.

Ault will meet with Stephens and others to discuss building plans to send to Frankfort.

Most of the space will be dedicated to Western programs, but there will be some shared space with Elizabethtown Community and Technical College.

The facility will help with projected growth that will occur at the extended campuses during the next few years.

Ransdell said the new facility will specifically address

expected growth after the U.S. Army’s Base Realignment and Closure.

BRAC involves closing some military units and moving some units to other bases, such as Fort Knox.

Elizabethtown and the surrounding areas are expecting a population growth of 3,600 employed people and their families, said Lois Gray, Board of Regents chairwoman.

More area military bases will open in the next six to 10 years, which increases demand for educational opportunities.

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“It’s a huge gift that gives us increased capacity and strengthens our partnership with ECTC.”

— Gary Ransdell
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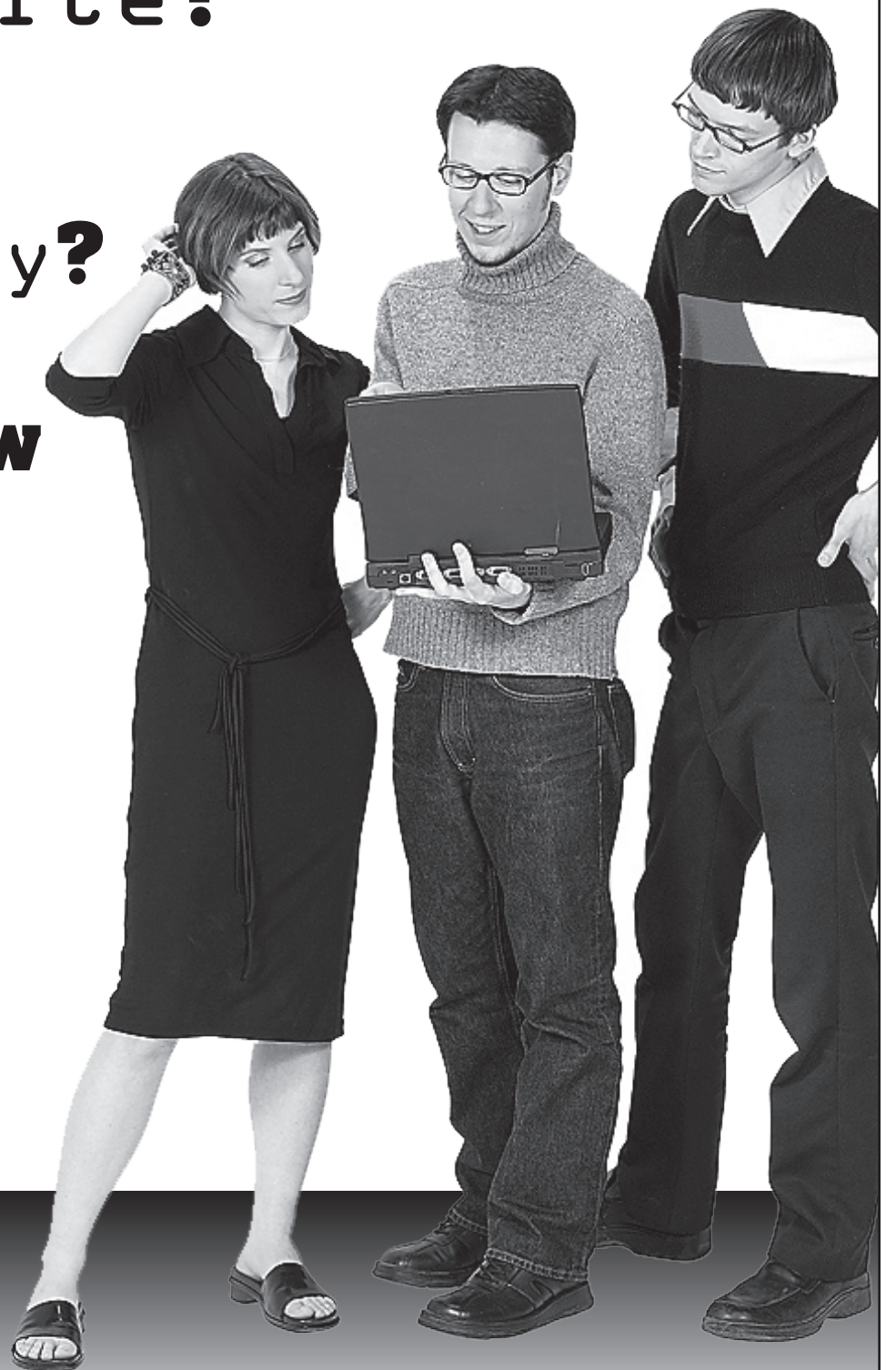
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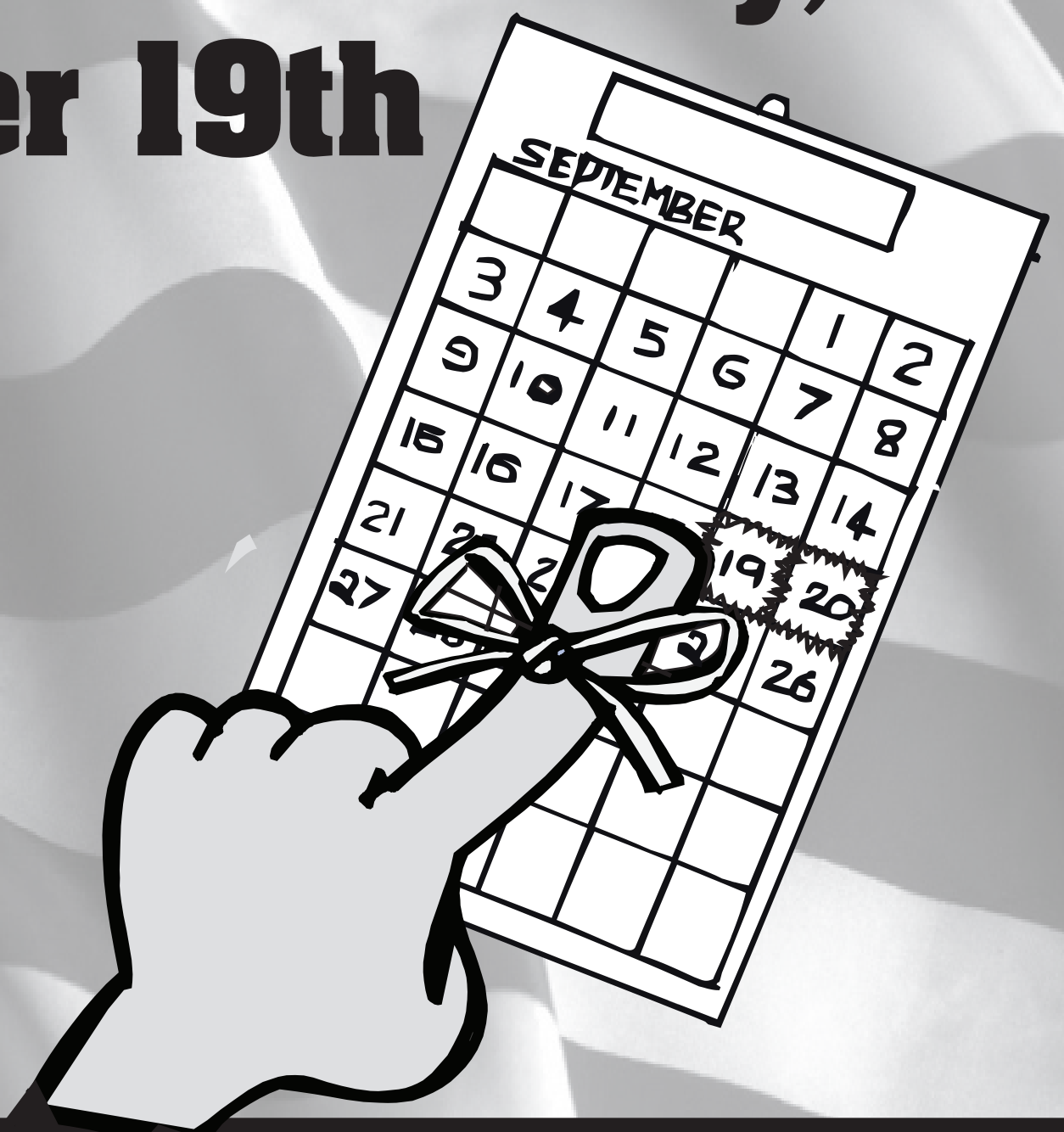
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CULTURES

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speakers per group. Group members discuss a different topic each week. This week's topic was animals and pets.

They are encouraged to relax and speak freely. Session leaders ask specific questions to help the students who can't answer questions in English describe their thoughts.

Vicky Zhang, a first year English as a Second Language International student from southern China, described her pet hamster as "like a squirrel, but not a squirrel," and "small, with a short tail."

Zhang said she has been in the United States for two or three weeks. She said she's trying to learn English, but sometimes it's difficult.

"I can understand you," she said. "But I cannot express myself or my thoughts."

Zhang plans to attend Talk on Tuesday throughout the

year because it will help her learn to speak English more proficiently.

American students can also benefit from Talk on Tuesday by learning about other cultures from talking to international students, immigration specialist Bethany Ore said.

The program did a practice run during the summer and had a good turnout.

Many international students don't have a lot of opportunities to converse with native English speakers, Ore said.

About 20 students each week attend Talk on Tuesday, Ore said.

Talk on Tuesday is one aspect of English as a Second Language International, which is designed to help international students integrate into Western's culture, ESLI Director Gary Gunderson said.

ESLI focuses on English listening, reading, writing, speaking and grammar skills.

It's designed to prepare students from other countries for English-speaking classrooms so they'll be

successful in college.

"That way, when they get into Western Civ and there's no PowerPoint and the teacher's talking fast and they're supposed to take notes, we won't lose them," Gunderson said.

Gunderson said Western does an excellent job of making international students feel welcome and including them in the university's culture.

Most ESLI students choose to stay at Western, Gunderson said. Students come from countries all over the world. Most of this year's students are from China and Saudi Arabia.

Gunderson said with worldwide economic and political globalization, it's important for people of different cultures to learn about one another. He said international students at Western are made to feel welcome.

"Of course there are differences," he said. "But you're going to have more in common than you think."

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BLUEGRASS

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The Toppers are also attempting to end the home portion of the rivalry in record-setting fashion. The team is encouraging students and fans to come to the game in an attempt to break to stadium's all-time attendance record.

Elson said he was impressed when a few seniors approached him with the intention of setting the attendance record this Saturday.

"I think that's a unique piece of history that we can be a part of," Elson said. "Let's set this record while we have all this momentum."

The record is 20,428, set when the Toppers hosted the Colonels in 1968, in the stadium's first year of existence.

Because Western is transitioning to the Football Bowl Subdivision (formally Division I-A) level, there is no telling when Eastern will return to Bowling Green.

Athletics Director Wood Selig said even though he doesn't know the next time Western will play Eastern at home, it does not make this game any more or less signifi-

cant.

"It's always a huge game for our fans," Selig said.

Cline said the team is just trying to stay focused on this game.

"The media will talk about the future of the rivalry," Cline said. "But within our program, the only thing that matters is Saturday."

A makeshift, standing-room-only student section will take over the north endzone.

The additional viewing area was added to accommodate the anticipated number of student spectators at the game.

Students will be able to enter the grounds through a separate entrance off Avenue of Champions.

To add to the festivities, Western will retire the jersey of Dale Lindsey, a first-team Associated Press All-American linebacker for the Toppers in 1963, on the field at halftime of the game.

Elson said the tradition of this rivalry runs deep for the people that went to this school, played for school and cheered for this school.

"Tradition is not just something, it's people," he said.

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ORCHARD

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From spring until fall, the orchard offers various activities such as pick-it-yourself apples, peaches and pumpkins; wagon rides; a corn maze and a straw castle.

Otis also said the farm just received 15 different varieties of new orchard-grown apples that are available for sale in the store.

The farm offers tours Monday through Friday. Otis said an average of 3,000 to 4,000 children take school tours throughout September and October, and the orchard

also offers tours for senior and church groups.

"We still have a lot to offer," Otis said. "We will be running business as usual."

Sara H. Miles, co-owner of Miles' Orchard in Bowling Green, said the freeze affected crops pretty badly.

"We didn't even open up this year," Miles said. "The trees have been under a lot of stress up until the last rain we had, so there have been no apples or peaches available."

The Miles' Orchard, a family owned and operated business which has been around since the late 1800s, only sells what family members grow themselves.

"My family has been in

this business for a long time," Miles said. "Last year this area had a large hail storm that knocked all the fruit off of our trees, so we have had a rough two years."

Miles said customers have been calling and asking about what happened and why the orchard never opened this year.

"We currently have no activities available," Miles said. "But we're hoping that maybe next year will be a better one."

Herald Reporter Corey Paul
contributed to this article.

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TROUBLE

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"They look a lot alike. I have a really hard time telling them apart when they're not together," Neidell said. "When I see them alone on campus sometimes it's difficult for me to tell. I'm always embarrassed when I don't get it right."

As Lady Toppers, the Walkers have been steady contributors to the team.

Kellie was the third-leading goal scorer last season with five, and was one of four freshmen last year to play in every match of the season, starting in four of them.

Katie scored the first goal of her college career this season during the home opener against Georgetown College. She played in 17 games last season, starting eight.

Going to different schools was never an option for Katie and Kellie.

"We knew we wanted to be together from the start," Katie

said. "It was never a choice not to. We've always played on the same team."

The Walkers, who live in the same dorm room, are rarely seen apart on campus.

"It feels good to know that we support each other in everything," Kellie said. "You always have someone there for you."

While they are close, Kellie said, their lives are not without a little sibling rivalry.

"We have our fights," Kellie said. "But they're usually over in about a minute. We're like best friends."

Overall, Neidell said he is pleased with this two-for-one deal.

"The future looks really bright for those two," Neidell said. "They made a tremendous impact for our program so far, and we expect them to be pretty amazing players for us."

The Lady Toppers, who are 2-1 on the season, host Wofford College on at 2 p.m. Friday at the WKU Soccer Complex.

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CONGRESS

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Swarthout said the bill is the most important bill dealing with higher education in a long time.

As of Wednesday afternoon Western officials were not yet sure specifically how the bill will affect Western and its students.

The bill passed with a vote of 292 to 97 in the House of Representatives, and in the Senate with a vote of 79 to 12,

according to a press release from U.S. PRIG.

Kentucky senators Jim Bunning and Mitch McConnell voted against the bill.

McConnell got letters from several state organizations opposing the bill, according to a press release from his office.

Those organizations include the Kentucky Education Cabinet, the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Education Association.

Most of Kentucky's loans come from state-chartered, nonprofit organizations that filter

money back to borrowers, the release stated.

Such organizations include the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

"While these cuts make sense for other states, they don't make sense for Kentucky families who count on these non-profit entities to help pay for higher education," McConnell said, according to the press release.

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Western Kentucky University Constitution Week 2007

September 17th - 21st "Your Voice: Does it Matter?" (All Events Open to Public)

Monday, September 17

8:00am - 5:00pm

A Reading of the Constitution DUC Lobby

A reading of the United States Constitution. Sponsored by University Centers and Leadership Programs, Team members of the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Services.

8:30am- 12:30pm

Constitution Jeopardy Challenge and High School Symposium for Bowling Green and Warren County students. Garrett Auditorium

Sponsored by Department of Political Science and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

12:30pm-1:30 pm

Opening Ceremony MMTH Auditorium

"Your Voice: Does it Matter?"

Musical selection by WKU Women's Choir

7:00pm

"A Woman's Voice Can Change the World" MMTH Auditorium

Iron Jaw Angels, film presentation Sponsored by Women's Studies

Tuesday, September 18

12:30pm

The Great Conversation Grise Hall Room 340

"Politics in the Academy: Is there a place for political engagement in the classroom?"

Faculty Panel discussion

7:00pm

The Great Conversation DUC 310 B

"Your Voice - Does it Matter?" - Student Panel discussion

Wednesday, September 19

2:00pm

"Sex, Lies and Poetry" Helm 100

Joe Survant, 2003 Kentucky poet laureate

Sponsored by University Libraries.

3:15pm

"Margaret Mead Was Right! Helm 100

A Conversation about Citizenship, Community, and Earth."

Tom Fitzgerald, Director of the Kentucky Resources Council

Sponsored by WKU Greentoppers and co-sponsored by Sierra Club and BGGreen Partnership for a Sustainable Community.

5:00 pm

"Smoke Free Community Coalitions: Are Their Voices Heard?"

DUC 310 B & C

Sponsored by College of Health and Human Services.

Thursday, September 20

10:30am - 11:30 am

"When are you old enough to...?"

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11:00am - 2:00pm

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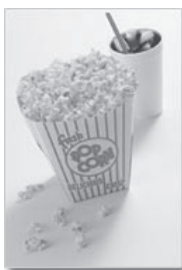
Sponsored by the Political Engagement Project.

Friday, September 21

12:30 pm

"Our Government, Our Tuition, Our Taxes: Bringing Economic Justice to Our Commonwealth!" Grise Hall Room 337

Interactive workshop with video presented by Dana Beasley Brown, Economic Justice Committee and Jessica Breen Hays, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. Sponsored by Bowling Green Community College at Bowling Green Community College Commons Area.



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OFFENSE

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“We are focusing on the task at hand and putting the ball in the net,” sophomore defender Tim Mussig said. “Today in practice we’re doing set plays and working on getting that down.”

Western scored its first goal of the season last weekend against IUPUI and is hoping that spark will carry over into this weekend’s tournament.

For the defense, the biggest part of their game is keeping the line of communication open between all the players.

“We are all working together and trying to communicate,” Mussig said. “We can see everything and basically our job is to always talk to everyone at all times and let them know what’s going on around them.

“Communication is the biggest part of the defense, and just having everyone on the same page is probably the most important part of getting the win and maybe the most impor-

tant part of the game.” Centenary has allowed 10 goals so far this season. Midfielders Josh Gomillion and Aaron Volanski pace the Gents with one goal each on the season.

Western will be looking for revenge against Belmont after suffering a 2-1 loss in overtime to the Bruins last season.

This weekend’s tournament is the second in two weeks where the Toppers will only have one day of rest between their matches.

“It’s very difficult for the players to play two games so close together,” Holmes said. “The fitness level and position of the individual come into play as well.”

Holmes added that they must look ahead at how the amount of time players get can affect them in the next match.

“As coaches, we’re trying to get the sub pattern right and that’s difficult too because the possibility of playing an additional 20 minutes changes the way you think,” Holmes said.

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FRESHMEN

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Koetter has played in all 10 matches this season and sits third on the team with 50 digs. Koetter is also tied for third on the team with 11 serving aces.

She earned all-state honors twice, while posting team-high numbers in digs, aces, assists, and hitting percentage as a senior at Our Lady of Providence High School in Floyds Knobs, Ind.

Koetter is listed as both a defensive specialist and a setter. Hudson said she was brought to Western to be a defensive specialist and is currently the back up setter to junior setter Julia Noe.

Teegarden has six kills in five games.

For Teegarden though, much of her early career will be learning, but Hudson did say there was the opportunity for her to be used as an outside hitter in the short-term.

In front of her sits two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association all-American junior Megan Argabright and two-time all-Sun Belt Conference selection senior Jenna Gideon.

“It’s nice having them



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Freshmen Hayley Koetter, of Floyd Knobs, Ind., left, and Emily Teegarden, of Nashville, both bring two-time all-state honors to the Lady Topper volleyball team.

because they’re both amazing,” Teegarden said. “I just couldn’t ask for anything more.”

With such talent already on the court, it leaves plenty of time for Teegarden to watch and learn.

“She has tons of god-given ability,” Hudson said. “And every day she gets to work

against two of the best (middle hitters) in the country.”

Hudson added that Teegarden watching and playing against Argabright and Gideon every day is more than he could have ever taught her this year.

Teegarden came to Western after leading Father Ryan High

School to a 51-5 record and a Tennessee Division II state championship in 2006. She was named most valuable player of the state tournament.

In addition to earning MVP honors, she also earned all-state and all-region honors twice during her prep career.

Both said they understand the rich tradition with the program and like the fact that academics are treated just as importantly as what happens on the court.

They both had good reviews for Hudson after playing for him thus far.

“He knows when to be serious,” Koetter said, “and when to laugh and be really goofy. Even though a lot of it is about volleyball, he care’s about us too.”

Western will look for a fourth invitational championship this weekend in the Towson Invitational. The Lady Toppers open against Dayton, ranked 21 in the College Sports Television/AVCA poll, at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow. Western plays Towson at 9 a.m. Saturday before playing University Maryland-Baltimore County at 2 p.m.

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CAMPUS GOVERNMENT

SGA to push for 24-hour study room

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

All-nighters might be getting a little more comfortable.

The Student Government Association is trying to get a 24-hour study room on campus.

Ideally, the study room would be in Mass Media and Technology Hall, because the computer lab would also be available there, said Senator Reagan Gilley, a Pineville senior.

Gilley will meet with the

deans of Potter College and the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences to determine if they're willing to dedicate space for the study room.

This room is important because the library closes at midnight, Gilley said.

The computer labs at MMTH are open later than that, but it doesn't have the environment students need to study, he said.

Study rooms are available in dorms, but visiting hours end at midnight in some dorms.

Members of the opposite gender have to be checked out, Gilley said.

With a 24-hour study room, study groups don't have to worry about time constraints, he said.

Gilley said he has heard complaints from students who like to study late that there aren't very many places available.

"I think a 24-hour study room is a very good option, especially since Western wants to be a leading university and other leading universities have them," he said.

The study room would help students be more prepared for classes, said Johnathon Boles, SGA executive vice president.


Lexington freshman Lesley Greenwell said the study room will be beneficial.

"It's a nice option to have in residence halls that aren't co-ed," she said. "I hope I don't have to use it, but it's a nice option to have."

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Men’s soccer club loses to Northern

Western’s men’s soccer club lost to Northern Kentucky 6-0 Sunday at the Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sport Complex

Men’s golf cleans up at Mean Green Classic in Texas

The men’s golf team claimed top honors Tuesday at the Cobb/Ferrell Mean Green Classic hosted by North Texas in Denton, Texas.

Western carded a 5-under-par score of 571 to defeat second place North Texas by one stroke.

Franklin senior Justin Perry finished in a tie for second place individually after losing in a playoff.

– David Harten

EKU vs. WKU

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007
Jimmy Feix Field at Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium
Game Time: 2 p.m. CST

Series History

WKU leads 46-34-3
(EKU defeated Western 26-21 last season)

Coaches

WKU: David Elson (Fifth Season, 31-18)
EKU: Danny Hope (Fifth Season, 27-20)

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WKU: 317.5 yards per game
EKU: 318.0 yards per game

Defensive

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Passing:

WKU: K.J. Black – 14-19, 168 yards, one touchdown, one interception
EKU: Allan Holland – 24-37, 173 yards, two touchdowns, one interception

Rushing:

WKU: Tyrell Hayden – 22 rushes, 116 yards, two touchdowns
EKU: Mark Dunn – 35 rushes, 211 yards, two touchdowns

Receiving:

WKU: Quinterrance Cooper – four receptions, 168 yards, one touchdown
EKU: Kyle Barber – six receptions, 59 yards, one touchdown

Defense:

WKU: Andre Lewis, Dusty Bear – nine tackles each
EKU: Justin Curry – 20 total tackles

*Teams began play in 1914

Statistically, the Toppers come in better off, and their use of two quarterbacks will help in the diversity and number of looks the offense will give the Colonels. The Toppers must contain the EKU running game, which finished with 326 yards off 53 carries in a 45-21 win over Western Carolina last week.

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Battle of the Bluegrass



LUKE SHARRETT/HERALD

Louisville junior running back K.J. Austin-Bruce rushes as head coach David Elson observes from behind during football practice.

... And then there were two

Western and Eastern have been rivals for 94 years. With the Tops’ I-A move, next year may be the last.

WILL PERKINS

Herald reporter

The end is near. Western hosts intrastate rival Eastern Kentucky on Saturday.

And while the teams will play next year in Richmond, Western’s transition to the Football Bowl Subdivision (formally Division I-A) may prevent the two teams from playing their yearly battle past next season.

Western (1-1) will take on Eastern (1-1) at 2 p.m. Saturday at Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium.

“The ‘Battle of the Bluegrass’ is more than just a game,” junior defensive lineman Dan Cline said.

The series dates back to 1914. The Toppers lead the Colonels 46-34-3. Some years were skipped because of World War I.

Even though the rivalry is so old, not many players from outside the state know about its significance. Less than 50 percent of Western’s roster is from Kentucky.

“I did not hear about the Western/Eastern rivalry until I was truly embedded in the Western Kentucky

football program,” Ohio native Cline said.

He said that former players always come down and speak with the team. It was from hearing these stories and seeing the intensity of the older players that Cline said he finally understood the significance.

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Times the teams have faced off since 1914

“Now I’m well educated in the rivalry game and ready to go,” Cline said.

Eastern enters the contest with a lot of momentum in their run game. The Colonels recorded 326 yards on the ground in a victory over Western Carolina last Saturday.

Senior running backs Mark Dunn and Bobby Washington rushed for 130 and 137 yards, respectively.

“Their offensive line, their tailbacks, they’re good,” defensive line coach Eric Mathies said. “We’ve got to stop the run first.”

The Toppers will take some momentum of their own into the contest.

Western tallied 431 yards of total offense in its 87-0 victory over West Virginia Tech. The Toppers held the Golden Bears to 15 yards of offense.

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Wins for Western

3

Ties

34

Wins for Eastern

VOLLEYBALL

Talented freshmen find roles

Teegarden, Koetter post solid contributions in early games

ANDREW ROBINSON

Herald reporter

Freshmen Hayley Koetter and Emily Teegarden have been wearing a Western uniform for a mere three weeks.

But what an opening act they have been a part of.

For the first time in the coach Travis Hudson era, the Lady Toppers have won three invitational championships in three weeks and are currently 8-2.

“This team is great,” Koetter said. “Everyone is so together. It’s been an awesome experience for me and I’m so excited for the future.”

So is Hudson.

“I’m really excited to have them both here,” Hudson said. “Both of them have enormous room for growth and enormous talent. The third part of that equation is the right attitude.”

“It’s been an awesome experience for me and I’m so excited for the future.”

— Hayley Koetter
defensive specialist

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MEN’S SOCCER

Team to focus on offense at tournament

RYAN CAREY

Herald reporter

As Western prepares for the Fairfield Inn Hilltopper Classic this weekend at the WKU Soccer Complex, coach David Holmes said the focus is going to be on the offense, among other things.

“We’re working on a lot of attacks and hopefully the goals will come and the offense will have a chance to explode,” he said.

Western opens the tournament at 7 p.m. Friday against Centenary.

The Toppers face Belmont University in their second game of the tournament, on Sunday at 2 pm.

The Bruins come into the tournament winless at 0-3-0. They have allowed nine goals so far in the season, and have scored three goals.

One thing the team is concentrating on is finishing their tries.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Double Trouble

Walker twins contribute to Lady Toppers’ success

CHRIS ACREE

Herald reporter

Two-for-one deals are uncommon outside of supermarkets and department stores. But women’s soccer coach Jason Neidell got one when he started to recruit one half of the Walker sisters.

“We started the recruiting process with Katie very early,” Neidell said. “We actually didn’t know she was a twin at the time.”

After a visit to campus their junior year, Neidell said, Katie and Kellie Walker decided that Western was the place for them.

The Walkers have been on the same team since they were children. They were co-captains for the Novi High

School team in their hometown of Novi, Mich. They helped the Novi Wildcats to the state championship in 2005.

They had also played on the Michigan Hawks club soccer team since they were nine.

Though they are often confused for each other, their mother Lisa Walker said the only time they ever switched places with each other was on April Fool’s Day in the fourth grade.

“The other students kept giggling and laughing, so the teachers knew something was up,” Lisa Walker said.

Even Neidell has admitted that he gets the Walkers confused sometimes.

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JAKE STEVENS/HERALD

Sophmores Katie and Kellie Walker, from Novi, Mich., have started a combined 12 games and have scored six goals in their combined Topper career.

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EVAN SISLEY/HERALD

Tailgating. Sweet, sweet tailgating. Sometimes it’s more anticipated than the actual football game. With **Western’s** final home match-up (at least for a very long time) with rival **Eastern Kentucky**, tailgating will be widespread on campus Saturday. Here are a few tips to ensure **tailgating heaven**:



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 - Minced onions
 - Pepper
 - Garlic salt
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 - Sprinkle in a dash of garlic salt
 - Drop in a small handful of minced onions and begin to mix ingredients together by hand
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College is a time to learn from our mistakes



THAT’S WHAT SHE SAID
Heather Ryan

It’s like the old saying goes: “If at first you don’t succeed, try and try again.” I know it’s a cliché, but like many clichés in life, it is so true. Sometimes, the things we want to do with our lives take a little time for us to get good at. Whether it’s our childhood dream to be a basketball player, a dancer or a writer, a lot of us aren’t so hot at it when we first start out. It takes years for many

of us to develop a decent skill or craft. Even simplistic things take time. I know some girls who were really bad at putting makeup on in middle school. You know them — the orange rimmed faces that gazed the halls with raccoon eyes and cheeks so red you would swear they had been slapped. With practice, those girls eventually got good enough

to present themselves in public. Eventually, if they got any stares, it wasn’t because their hot mess mugs were causing traffic accidents. Today though, those things we need practice at are a little less trivial than makeup skills. They are the things we need to survive. College is the time where, if we fall, we get right back up and try again. If we don’t pass a class, we get a couple more times to retake it. The important thing is that we learn from things we attempt and don’t conquer the first time around. Otherwise, what’s the point?

The motto of trying again only goes so far. It’s like Britney Spears’ performance on the MTV Video Music Awards Sunday night. Clearly she failed at her performance that night. Walking around like you have no clue where you are, all the while forgetting the lyrics of your new song, does not exactly equal great success. But if she finally learns from her habitual mistakes, then maybe she’ll eventually stake her claim on the comeback some have been waiting for. The point is, it’s OK to mess up. I think it’s even OK to mess

up in a tremendous way. If it is something you learn from and are willing to try to do better then it can even be a good thing. Mistakes are the things that make people. How would we ever learn anything in life had we not messed up every once in a while? Lessons from life would never develop had there been no mess-ups for them to derive from. Like college, they are the things that shape our lives forever, if we learn from them. Reach Heather Ryan at diversions@chherald.com.

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James Hill, professor of pediatrics and medicine at the University of Denver, addressed students in the Mass Media and Technology Hall auditorium on Tuesday night about the obesity epidemic in the United States. Hill has published more than 320 scientific articles and book chapters in the area of obesity, and focuses his studies on how inactivity and high-fat diets play a major role in the increasing numbers of obese people in the nation.

Speaker promotes healthy choices

KATHARINE GREEN
Herald reporter

Western students and faculty took time out of class Tuesday afternoon to fill the Mass Media and Technology Hall Auditorium to hear James Hill, a professor from the University of Colorado speak about the obesity epidemic in the United States.

The lecture was followed by a question and answer session. The College of Health and Human Services sponsored the event.

Hill, a master scholar and educator, has written more than 320 articles about obesity and wanted to present to Western the problem that keeps getting worse.

"It's not that we're getting to be an obese society," he said, as he pointed out various trends on charts. "We're getting to be a very obese society."

Studies that classified individuals based on their body mass index showed a third of people at a healthy weight, a third overweight and at risk for obesity, and the remaining third obese, Hill said.

Hill is from Denver, which has the lowest obese population in the nation. Kentucky is close to the second worst group of states, with 25 to 30 percent of people facing obesity.

"We rest and eat," Hill said. "And there lies the problem."

He used pictures of fast food and video games to compare America's culture with a community in Africa. The latter pictures depicted the African community working outdoors and eating healthier meals.

Louisville junior Kuol Deng is originally from Baidit, Sudan, where he said people are healthier.

"I'm from Africa and most people are on the move all the time," Deng said. "They cultivate. That is important to health."

Fad diets are successful in weight loss, but not in weight maintenance, Hill said. He emphasized not concentrating on weight loss, but on keeping weight off.

Small changes, such as choosing to walk the Hill rather than taking the shuttle, will decrease obesity, he said.

Jillian Bracewell, a senior

from Brentwood, Tenn., said doing without the shuttle is a step in the right direction.

"It's a very smart idea and would make a huge difference," she said.

Students can also eat a little food in the morning, Hill said. Breakfast eaters tend to be successful in losing and maintaining a healthy weight.

People who have kept weight off for as long as three years are able to exercise longer, usually 60 to 90 minutes per day, he said.

Hill emphasized students taking small steps to pack more exercise into each day. He suggested buying a pedometer and using it daily. He compared the price of a \$25 pedometer to an advance piece of work-out equipment that cost more than \$14,000.

He recommended visiting the Web site: www.america-onthemove.org for those interested in forming a community of good health on Western's campus. He challenged students to making Western the model of health and wellness.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Student online magazine begins publication

Yesterday, history was made. At least it was in the eyes of Louisville junior Michael Puckett.

Yesterday marked the inaugural release of Rise Over Run magazine, the newest online magazine at Western.

Rise Over Run is a campus culture magazine for Western and the Bowling Green community, said Puckett, the founder and editor.

"It is designed to be an outlet for students and the community to create a better way of communicating," he said.

Puckett and the new staff for the magazine hope to separate themselves from other Western student publications, he said.

Liberty senior Mary Sparr, managing editor, said that everyone has been cooperative and supportive in the birth of the magazine.

"The Herald supports daily

news and breaking news," she said. "We're covering things they're not, such as fashion and different reviews."

The magazine is temporarily just online, but Puckett would eventually like to see it in print one day, he said.

Bowling Green freshman Zain Curtis likes that the magazine is doing something different.

Zain and his friends were tired of seeing "the same old thing" and feels Rise over Run is bringing something new in the publications on campus.

The publication is currently accepting freelance pieces, and they can be submitted at risemag@gmail.com.

Atlanta senior and art section editor Saeed Jones hopes the magazine creates a new avenue of expression for students.

"This creates an opportunity for students at Western to show that their work is valuable — that its valuable now," he said.

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Meeting today for students with kids group interest

An interest meeting for the Association for Students with Kids will be at 5:30 p.m. today in Downing University Center, Room 310A.

ASK is a grassroots effort dedicated to providing for the needs of students who have children, such as finding a baby sitter to allow them to make it to a study group, Bowling Green

senior Elizabeth Unsel said.

The group will try to meet parents’ needs, create a network of students with children and make those students’ unique issues more visible, Unsel said.

The group is open to mothers, fathers and people who don’t have children but want to support people who do.

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CAMPUS GOVERNMENT

SGA, administrators comb campus to address possible safety concerns

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

The Student Government Association sees better in the dark.

SGA completed its annual Campus Safety Walk Tuesday night, using the dark to expose potentially dangerous spots on campus.

Senators and Western administrators swept the campus, looking for safety issues that are not as easily recognizable during the day, such as broken lights.

Lighting at the top of the Hill is more outdated than lighting at the bottom of the hill, said Gene Tice, vice president of student affairs and campus services.

To fix the problem, \$400,000 out of the university budget is dedicated to install-

ing more and better lighting, especially on main pedestrian walkways, Tice said.

An outside contractor will install lighting, and the project should be completed by January, he said.

Students can report safety issues in or near dorms to the facilities management department or Housing and Residence Life through their Web sites, HRL Director Brian Kuster said.

If the issue is simple, such as a burned-out light bulb, HRL will address it immediately, and it’s paid for through housing fees, Kuster said.

Light posts are numbered, so students can report broken lights to the facilities management department.

SGA organizes the event and invites administrators to participate so they can help make nec-

essary changes, SGA President Jeanne Johnson said.

In addition to poor lighting, SGA looked for overgrown foliage where predators can hide.

It’s important to have the safety walk at the beginning of the year and at night to catch safety concerns early and effectively, Johnson said.

“My first year, there were all kinds of safety issues we had to address,” she said. “It keeps getting easier. The problems get taken care of.”

Administrators and SGA members said that campus safety has continued to improve.

Finding safety issues and resolving them is not nearly as difficult now as in the past because there aren’t as many problems, said Charley Pride, director of student activities and organizations.

Danville sophomore Kevin Smiley, who’s new to SGA, participated in the walk.

It is a good way to directly get involved and affect change on campus, Smiley said.

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— Jeanne Johnson
SGA president

PREVIEW

Comedian to address Muslim stereotypes

KRISTEN LAWRENCE
Herald reporter

The women’s studies program is encouraging students to attend the stand-up comedy performance of Tissa Hami at 4:30 p.m. Monday in Grise Hall auditorium.

Hami’s Web site, www.tissahami.com, credits her as one of the world’s few female Muslim stand-up comics.

“We thought it would be an interesting topic for people,” said Jane Olmsted, director of the women’s studies program. “Muslim issues have been highly charged over the

past few years. It seems like someone who could employ humor to challenge stereotypes would be welcome.”

Hami’s family moved from Iran to Boston in 1978. She has degrees in international relations from Brown and Columbia universities, and has worked as a secretary and admissions officer at The Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Her routine is called “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Mosque.”

Dima Badghaish, a graduate student from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, said the date

of Hami’s performance conflicts with Ramadan, an Islamic religious observance that emphasizes fasting and sacrifice. Ramadan lasts from Sept. 13 to Oct. 12 this year.

“The people that I know are not going,” Badghaish said. “It shouldn’t be done during Ramadan, and people should be doing other stuff like praying and reading Quran, other than making fun of other people.”

Nashville freshman Lucy Newell said she is planning on attending Hami’s performance to better understand Islam.

“I don’t really know about

Islam, for real,” she said. “I’d go just to see what she is talking about.”

Though Badghaish disagrees with Hami’s performance, she said she identifies with the cause of breaking stereotypes.

“I think the stereotypes should be broken,” Badghaish said. “Here in America, they tend to think we are in a cage or something. But I’m from Saudi Arabia. Most people don’t know that there are different kinds of Muslims.”

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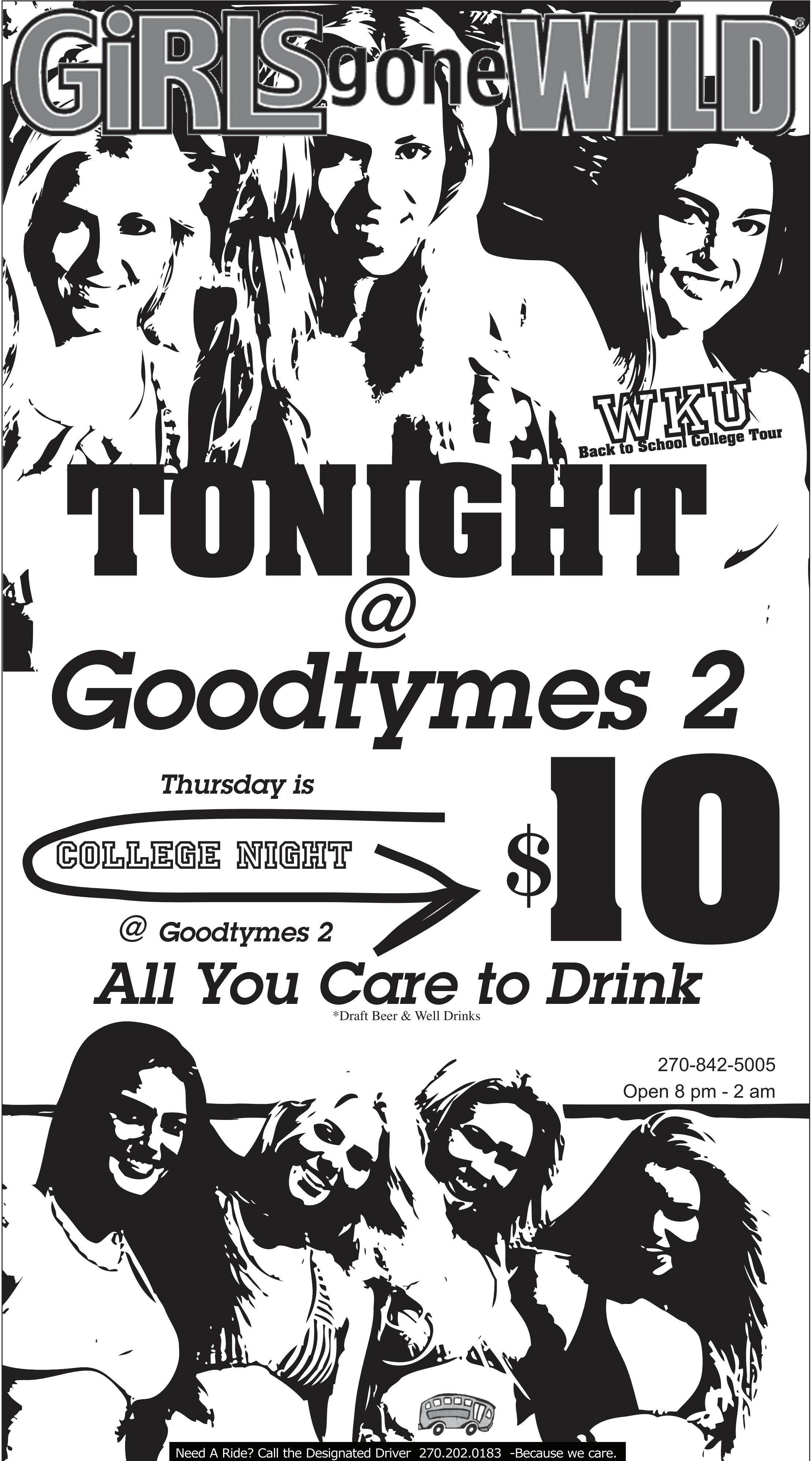
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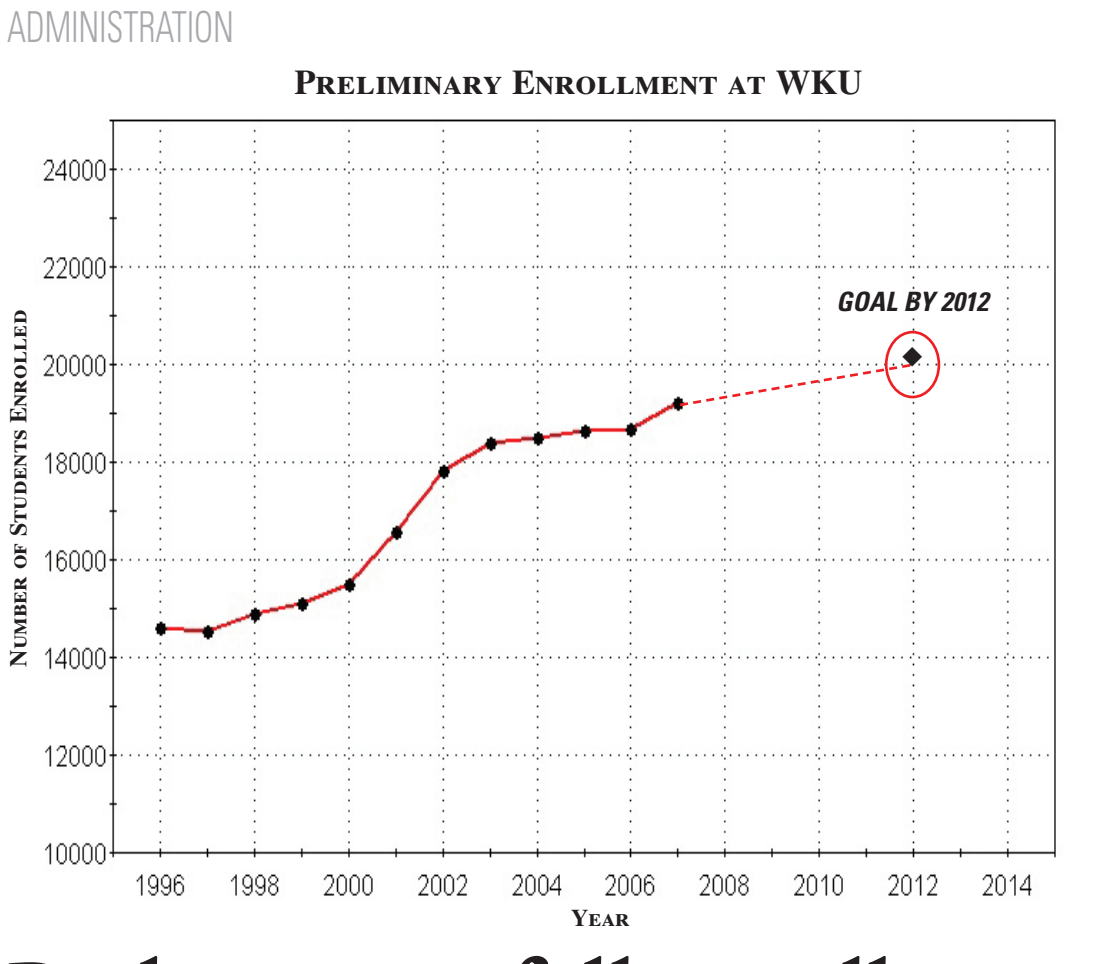
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LAUREL WILSON
Herald reporter

Constitution Week is meant to engage students, said Sandra Ardrey, political science department head.
“It gives students information to form their own opinions, teaches them about constitutional rights and gives them the opportunity to voice their opinions,” she said.
The following is the events schedule for Constitution Week:
Monday
♦8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Downing University Center lobby, a reading of the U.S. Constitution
♦8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Garrett Conference Center auditorium, Constitution Jeopardy Challenge and a high school symposium for Bowling Green and Warren County students
Tuesday
♦12:30 p.m. in Grise Hall, Room 340, Faculty panel discussion: “Politics in the Academy: Is there a place for political engagement in the classroom?”
♦7 p.m. in DUC, Room 310 B, Student panel discussion: “Your Voice — Does it Matter?”
Wednesday
♦2 p.m. in Helm Library, Room 100, “Sex, Lies and Poetry” by Joe Survant, 2003 Kentucky poet laureate
♦3:15 p.m. in Helm Library, Room 100, “Margaret Mead was Right! — A Conversation about Citizenship, Community and Earth” by Tom Fitzgerald, Kentucky Resources Council director
♦5 p.m. in DUC, Room 310B and 310C, Panel discussion: “Smoke Free Community Coalition: Are Their Voices Heard?”
Thursday
♦10:30 - 11 a.m. on the Java City patio, Open Mic: “When are you old enough to ...”
♦11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the DUC south lawn, Rock the Vote Festival

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Preliminary fall enrollment sets record, breaks 19,000

SUSIE LAUN
Herald reporter

The numbers are in. And they look good. Western’s preliminary enrollment for this fall is 19,215, according to a Western news release.
That’s up 549 students, a 2.9 percent increase from last year’s fall enrollment, the release stated.
This is the first time in Western’s history that enrollment has been more than 19,000. It is the 10th consecutive year Western enrollment has increased.
The preliminary figures were submitted to the Council on Postsecondary Education yesterday.
As a part of Western’s strategic plan, Western administrators set an enrollment goal of 20,000 students by 2012.
The strategic plan is based on an increase of 150 students a year, President Gary Ransdell said.
“It looks like too modest of a goal,” he said, laughing.
Ransdell said the increase will help Western achieve CPE’s enrollment expectation to have 27,000 undergraduate students enrolled by 2020.
Western’s enrollment numbers are higher than what administrators initially expected, said Bob Edwards, assistant vice president in University Relations.
Western originally reported an increase of about 200 students, according to an August e-mail sent by Ransdell.

A couple hundred students added classes later than usual, Ransdell said.
Part of the increase came from the 120 students who enrolled in The Academy for Math and Science in Kentucky, Registrar Frieda Eggleton said.
There was also an increase in the number of graduate students and an increase of about 100 students at Western’s Glasgow campus, she said.
Finalized enrollment numbers will be available after Nov. 1, Eggleton said.
Edwards said specific numbers, such as freshmen enrollment and in-state and out-of-state enrollment will also be available at a later date.

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Scheduling Applications Coordinator Jessica Steenbergen assigns certain classes to specific classrooms throughout Western’s campuses.

Western creating database to better schedule classes

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Herald reporter

Professors won’t be arguing over classrooms for much longer, said Scheduling Application Coordinator Jessica Steenbergen.

Western began implementing a “Campus Scheduling System” last spring.

The system is a way for Western to document how many desks are in each classroom, Steenbergen said. It will also document the technology used in them.

Steenbergen was hired by Western in November to create a database to track classrooms and schedule courses to fit maximum enrollment.

This means that if a class has 50 students enrolled, the database would place that class in a room with about 50 desks. Smaller classes would be placed in smaller rooms.

The program cost about \$100,000.

Scheduling will be more efficient once the system is completely installed, said Dawn Bolton, assistant vice president of Academic Affairs.

The pilot program started running for the College of Health and Human Services this fall, Steenbergen said.

The program scheduled about 70 courses in the building. Steenbergen said it took about three days to get everything correct.

Steenbergen is working to get the system running for the College of Education and the Gordon Ford College of Business for next spring and for Ogden and Potter colleges for next fall.

Steenbergen said it will take her longer than planned because she has more than 500 courses to schedule, but she’ll be done by October.

The system can also be used to request rooms for events once all classrooms are in the system, Bolton said.

Once an event is scheduled, an e-mail could be sent out to all departments on campus that could be affected by extra people coming to campus, such as the dining services and parking and transportation departments, Bolton said.

The event service won’t begin until all classrooms have been entered into the database, she said.

Doris Settle, applications and program group manager, said she’ll make sure that information is entered in the system correctly and that everything is accurate and working properly.

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► NEWS BRIEFS

Two-day concert kicks off tonight with big names

Today and tomorrow the Western community can see a variety of musical performers at The Festival of Heroes.

The events begin at 5 p.m. in Diddle Arena and includes acts by Jason Mraz, Ben Kweller and Hawthorne Heights.

Tickets are \$15 per day for students and \$20 per day for regular admission. Proceeds go towards St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Western, Campus Activities Board, Students in Free Enterprise, Best Buy, Pool & Spa Depot Outlet and the University Bookstore

are sponsoring the two-day event.

Contact CAB at (270) 745-5807 for more information.

—Nina Bosken

Solar tour makes stop in Bowling Green

Bowling Green will see its first annual solar tour on Oct. 6, hosted by the ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships and BGGreen Partnership for a Sustainable Community.

The event is one of hundreds of local tours participating in the American Solar Energy Society’s 12th annual National

Solar Tour, said Nancy Givens, chairwoman of the BGGreen Partnership for a Sustainable Community.

The tour is a free, self-guided demonstration of installed renewable energy technologies and energy efficient building practices in the United States, Givens said.

The tour will offer local residents an opportunity to find ways to cut energy bills, increase energy independence and take steps to address global warming, Givens said.

Shows will begin at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, go to www.NationalSolarTour.org.

—Michelle Day

CAMPUS GOVERNMENT

SGA election to be contested when polls open Wednesday

MICHELLE DAY
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Involvement in the Student Government Association is exceeding that of previous years.

More students than usual are running to be senators, SGA president Jeanne Johnson said.

“It’s amazing,” she said. “It’s the most applications I’ve ever seen. And it’s not just freshmen, but people from every class.”

There are 25 students running for 20 available seats.

SGA will encourage students to vote for senators by setting up an informational table in

Downing University Center on Sept. 18. Elections are Sept. 19 and 20. Students can vote for senators through TopNet.

SGA pushes for student involvement all year by using informational tables and advertisements.

The large number of candidates will improve SGA, said Liz Goddard, SGA public relations director.

“When there are more people running, there is more competition,” she said. “When there is more competition, there are harder workers.”

Senators hope the number of students joining SGA will

encourage even more participants, Goddard said.

“I think people are realizing the correlation between SGA and change on campus,” she said.

Independence freshman Stuart Kenderes, a political science major, said he’s excited about his chance to be a senator because he didn’t get to participate in student government at his high school.

“I’ve always been interested in student government,” he said. “It’s a good real-life experience. I’m jumping on the chance.”

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